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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DRUG ABUSE SEMINAR

REF: (A) STATE 279252; (B) BANGKOK 120

1. PRIOR RECEIPT OF REF (B), WASHINGTON AGENCIES WERE UNAWARE OF THAI-SPONSORED SEMINAR DESCRIBED THEREIN. REF (A) PROPOSED A CCINC-SPONSORED SEMINAR RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF ENTIRE SEA AREA, TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY AFTER INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG DEPENDENCE (ICADD) TO BE HELD IN BANGKOK FEBRUARY 23-28. SEMINAR PROPOSED IN REF (A) WOULD BE TIMED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PRESENCE IN BANGKOK OF DRUG ABUSE EXPERTS COMING FROM US AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, PROVIDING A SIGNIFICANT POOL OF POTENTIAL SEMINAR LECTURERS.

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2. WHEN AMBASSADOR VANCE VISITED BANGKOK IN NOVEMBER, THAIS

EXPRESSED HOPE THAT USG WOULD PROVIDE HELP IN TREATMENT/ PREVENTION FIELDS. WE WOULD THEREFORE EXPECT THAIS TO WELCOME SEMINAR PROPOSED IN REF (A) AND THE ACCESS IT WOULD PROVIDE TO RECOGNIZED EXPERTS IN THESE AREAS. AS OUR SEMINAR COULD ACCOMMODATE ONLY 30 PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL OF SEA, IT WOULD NOT REQUIRE CANCELLATION OR POSTPONEMENT OF THAI-SPONSORED SEMINAR MENTIONED IN REF (B). ON THE CONTRARY, THAI-SPONSORED SEMINAR SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER OUR PROPOSED SEMINAR WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT VEHICLE FOR WIDER DISSEMINATION IN THAILAND OF BENEFITS FLOWING FROM CCINC-SPONSORED SEMINAR.

3. WITH THIS BACKGROUND, DOES EMBASSY BELIEVE THAIS WOULD OBJECT TO A US OR US/THAI SPONSORED SEMINAR RESPONSIVE TO NEEDS OF ALL SEA NATIONS TO BE HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER ICADD MEETING, I.E., WHILE EXPERTS ATTENDING ICADD ARE STILL IN BANGKOK? ASSUMING EMBASSY AND THAIS HAVE NO OBJECTION, WE PROPOSE TO PROCEED WITH SEMINAR DESCRIBED REF (A) AND WOULD NEED THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA FOUR OF REF (A).

4. IF OUR PROPOSED SEMINAR IS ACCEPTABLE, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING SUBSEQUENT THAI SEMINAR MENTIONED REF (B), INCLUDING PROPOSED ATTENDEES, CONTENT AND INSTRUCTORS IN ORDER PERMIT FIRST SEMINAR TO HAVE MAXIMUM BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON SECOND SEMINAR.

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ASAP. KISSINGER

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